

Bipartisan Transportation Bill Will Support 3 Million American Jobs

Owatonna, MN—Today, Congressman Tim Walz and a bipartisan coalition of business, community, and labor leaders held a press conference at Ag Power Enterprises in Owatonna to tout the new long term transportation bill that will put our construction workers back to work and allow our small businesses and communities to plan for the future.

“Compromise and common purpose is the glue that holds us together,” **said Walz**. “This coalition shows what’s possible when we set our partisan differences aside and work together to solve problems. While this new highway bill is not perfect, it will work to create American jobs, rebuild our crumbling roads and bridges, and give certainty to local small business owners and construction workers.”

Walz continued, “Highway 14 is an example of a road that needs to be fixed now. I’m here today to make clear that getting a highway bill signed into law was a big step forward for Highway 14. But there’s much more work to be done. You can be sure I will continue to be one of Highway 14’s strongest advocates. I am committed to building the coalition required to get this project done.”

“I appreciate Congressman Walz’s commitment to rebuilding our roads and bridges in southern Minnesota,” **said Owatonna Mayor Tom Kuntz**. “For local communities and businesses to continue to grow and prosper, we must continue working together in a bipartisan manner to rebuild our aging roads, like Highway 14 here in Owatonna.”

The new 2 year Transportation Bill will create or save 3 million American jobs and give local small businesses, construction workers, and communities the certainty they need to plan for the future.

Walz’s work was pivotal in working towards bipartisan agreement on a new transportation bill. He [introduced legislation](#) that directed the transportation conference committee to resolve their differences and bring forward a new, bipartisan Transportation bill. This motion passed by a vote of 386-34. Before its passage, negotiations were at a standstill. After the bill passed,

conference committee leaders announced that an agreement had been reached.

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